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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 12 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,510,955 to Taesang in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2002/0172014 to Lung.

Claims 10, 11, 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,510,955 to Taesang.

Claims 16, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,510,955 to Taesang in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,646,870 to Shih.

The amended claim 1 has incorporated all of the limitations of the claim 20. The amended claim 1 should be allowable, since claim 20 has been allowable.

Claims 2-9 should also be allowable since each of them depends on the allowable amended claim 1 directly or indirectly.

As stated by Examiner regarding claim 14, "it would not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to (1) provide the bottom plate with a guideway opposite to the rail. The amended claim 10 has incorporated this feature of the claim 14. Therefore, the amended claim 10 should be allowable.

The amended claims 11, 14 and claims 12, 15-17 should also be allowable as dependent claims of the amended claim 10.

The claim 18 discloses a storage device assembly comprises a bracket accommodating the storage device therein, and a slider attached to a side of the storage device. The bracket forms a guideway. A cutout is defined around a corner of the storage device. The slider associated with the storage device, moves along the guideway in a front-to-back direction, and defines a screw hole through which a screw extends and is fastened to the guideway under a condition that the screw is vertically exposed to an exterior via said cutout for accessible

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operation.

In Taesang, it discloses a cage in computer equipment for locking peripheral equipment therewithin using hooked lockpins. The cage (3) has respective lead rails (31) on the inside surfaces of first and second opposed sides thereof to support or to lead the guide rails of corresponding guide rail structures (2) attached to the sides of the piece (1) of peripheral equipment. But, no cutout is defined around a corner of the piece (1) of peripheral equipment. More importantly, no cutout is desired, since the invention in Taesang has been completed.

In Shih, no guideway is formed on the casing (2), the optical disk drive (7) is vertically put on the support section (21) with the fastening openings (14) in alignment with the internal screw threads (23) respectively, and with screws (3) securing thereby. The screw (3) is extended through the fastening opening (14) of the first fasten section (12) to engage in the screw thread hole (23) of the strut (22), but not via a cutout of the optical disk drive (7).

As stated in Winner International Royalty Corp. v. Wang, 202 F.3d 1340, 53 USPQ2d 1580 (Fed. Cir.), cert. denied, 530 U.S. 1238 (2000), motivation to combine requires desirability. No cutout is desired in Taesang, and Shih does not expose the screw via the cutout. It is impossible to combine these two references together for obtaining the claimed structures at the time of the present invention is made.

Therefore, the claim 18 should be allowable. Claim 19 and new claim 21 should also be allowable as dependent claims of the claim 18.

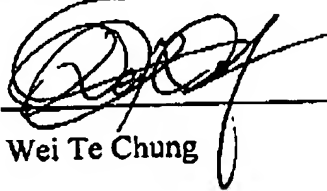
In view of the foregoing, the subject application as claimed in the pending claims is in a condition for allowance and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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